

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

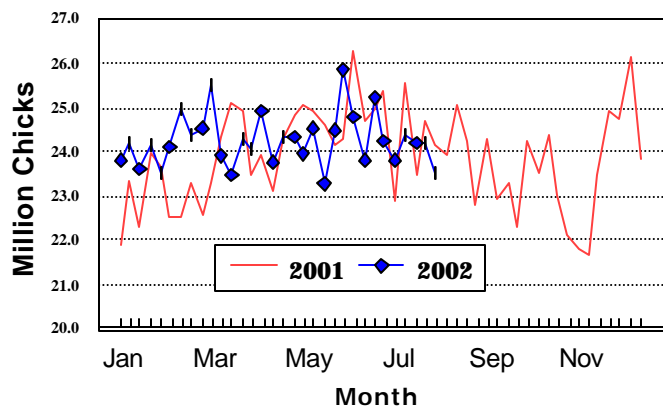
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.5 million during the week ending August 10, 2002. Placements were down 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and also down 3 percent from the previous week, and included 2.9 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through August 10, 2002 were 776.4 million, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.0 million, up fractionally from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 1 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.9 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.3 percent.

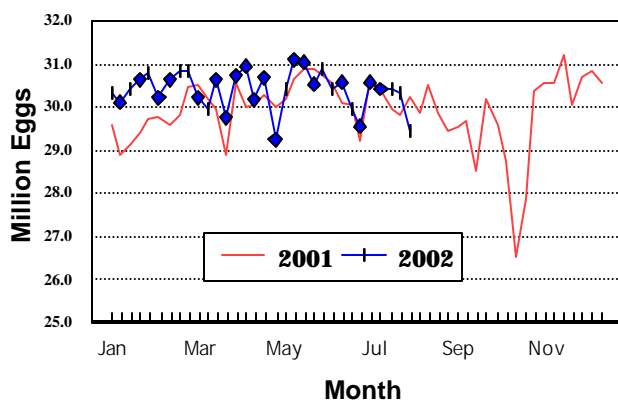
Arkansas hatcheries set 29.4 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending August 10, 2002, down 3 percent from the same period last year, and also down 3 percent from the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
July 6	25,365	24,268	96	25,454	25,365	100	29,204	29,561	101
July	22,873	23,811	104	25,030	25,372	101	30,644	30,567	100
July	25,588	24,396	95	24,799	24,901	100	30,430	30,449	100
July	23,475	24,202	103	24,172	24,529	101	29,986	30,422	101
Aug. 3	24,691	24,227	98	25,245	25,242	100	29,819	30,322	102
Aug.	24,142	23,510	97	24,975	25,045	100	30,204	29,434	97

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS. 2001-2002



EGGS SET 2001 2002



BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 19 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

STATE	EGGS SET (in Thousands)					CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/ %	Week Ending						1/ %
	20-Jul	27-Jul	03-Aug	10-Aug		06-Jul	13-Jul	20-Jul	27-Jul	03-Aug	10-Aug	
Alabama	29,849 *	29,594	29,741 *	29,724	99	21,904	21,088	21,823	21,793	22,469 *	22,225	104
ARKANSAS	30,449 *	30,422	30,322	29,434	97	24,268	23,811	24,396	24,202	24,227	23,510	97
Delaware	3,542	3,578	3,611 *	3,684	105	5,351	5,832	5,442	5,681	5,248 *	4,883	84
Florida	2,294 *	2,362	2,318 *	2,008	85	2,417	2,233	2,331	2,406	2,334 *	2,312	87
Georgia	31,925	32,223	32,390 *	31,629	100	26,612	26,183	26,274	25,558 *	26,372 *	25,679	103
Kentucky	6,781	6,573	6,707 *	6,680	103	5,586	4,837	5,237	5,340	5,460 *	5,516	111
Maryland	9,879	9,808	10,003	9,889	102	6,357	5,650	4,961	5,516	5,326 *	6,251	114
Mississippi	18,788	18,877	19,118	18,591	98	15,968	15,779	15,252	15,401	16,020 *	15,670	101
N. Carolina	19,034 *	18,232	18,485	18,602	105	14,672	15,138	14,188	15,056	14,934 *	14,364	100
Oklahoma	6,546	6,817	6,698	6,848	116	4,857	4,707	4,337	3,985	4,936	4,942	122
Pennsylvania	4,032	3,681	3,717 *	3,682	104	2,801	2,824	2,674	2,767	2,798 *	2,834	102
S. Carolina	4,716	4,751	4,839 *	4,917	102	3,957	3,767	4,087	3,633	3,400 *	4,005	87
Texas	14,626 *	14,687 *	14,761 *	14,234	104	12,197 *	11,725 *	11,500 *	11,998 *	11,729 *	11,657	103
Virginia	6,300	6,054 *	6,305 *	6,276	99	5,366	4,958	5,089	5,126	5,846	5,671	107
CALAMO,TN,WV	20,343	19,507 *	20,410 *	19,794	100	20,047 *	19,785 *	18,532 *	18,977 *	18,568 *	18,683	90
Total 2002	209,104 *	207,166 *	209,425 *	205,992		172,360 *	168,317 *	166,123	167,439 *	169,667 *	168,202	
Total 2001	208,170	204,300	206,930	204,638		169,801	165,397	164,118	164,605	167,418	168,196	
% Prev. Year	100	101	101	101		102	102	101	102	101	100	
Approximate Marketing Date 2002.....						24-Aug	31-Aug	07-Sep	14-Sep	21-Sep	28-Sep	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

EGGS SET IN 19 SELECTED STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 19-state weekly program set 206 million eggs during the week ending August 10, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP SLIGHTLY

Broiler growers in the 19-state weekly program placed 168 million chicks for meat production during the week ending August 10, 2002. Placements were up slightly from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through August 10, 2002 were 5.44 billion.

The 15 State total was discontinued on May 15, 2002.